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The foreign-language reference CH 282 103 A, is cited in the European Search Report as Category "X". The foreign-language references EP 0 826 515 A, and DE 23 25 937 A, were cited in the European Search Report as Category "A". The foreign-language reference DE 33 12 931 A, is cited in the European Search Report as Categories "D" and "A". A copy of the search report is attached.

The relevance of non-English-language references is discussed below.


CH 282 103 A discloses a method and apparatus for binding from book blocks.

DE 23 25 937 A discloses a thread lot bound book and procedure for its production.

DE 33 12 931 A discloses a method for production of a structure with at least 16 sides.

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